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MISSOURI BOUND

The Eastern women’s basketball team plays Southeast Missouri on the road at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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The Eastern men’s and women’s swim teams will travel to Sioux Falls, S.D. for the Summit League Championship from Wednesday to Saturday.

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Happy Valentine’s Day!

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Panelists look at threats to higher education

By Brooke Schwartz Administration Reporter | @brookesch_wartz

Decreased funding for colleges and universities and how the public misunderstands their mission were two threats to higher education looked at during a faculty forum on Tuesday. The forum included an introduction from economics professor Teshome Abebe and four panelists: Provost Jay Gatrell, history professor Bailey Young, biological sciences professor Billy Hung and English professor Jeannie Ludlow, the coordinator of the women’s, sexuality and gender studies program. All presenters introduced themes that centralized around changing the language and the image of higher education, sticking to Eastern’s mission and creating more connections on and off campus. Hung discussed the public opinion that higher education has become less of an opportunity and more of a financial investment.

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English professor Jeannie Ludlow, coordinator of the women’s, sexuality and gender studies program (far left), history professor Bailey Young (center left), Provost Jay Gatrell (center right) and biological sciences professor Billy Hung (far right), were the four panelists at Tuesday’s Faculty Senate forum. The forum discussed threats to higher education in Illinois and what can be done about them.

Students share Valentine’s Day plans

By Andrew Paisley Campus Reporter | @Andrew_Paisley1

Whether they are in long-distance relationships or they see their significant other on a daily basis, students are choosing to spend Valentine’s Day in different ways this year. Molly Ham, a junior career and technical education major, plans to celebrate Valentine’s Day this weekend when she goes home to Mt. Sterling to see her long-distance boyfriend, Joel Stinson. “Joel and I have been together for two and a half years, and every year, we usually celebrate Valentine’s Day by going out to dinner and seeing a movie,” Ham said. “This year, we are going to celebrate this weekend by going out to dinner and just spending quality time together.” Ham said despite being far from each other, she and Stinson have been able to make their relationship work since she came to Eastern last semester. “We usually FaceTime and call each other every day,” Ham said. “The hardest part for both of us is finding the time to make the three-hour drive to see each other.” Taylor Black, a junior health promotion major, said despite her long-distance

relationship, she and her boyfriend, Carl Berry, see each other at least three times a week. “Carl and I have only dated for four months, but in that time we have spent a lot of time together,” Black said. “He drives the hour and a half trip here to see me multiple times a week, and usually is here more than he is at home.” Berry is coming to Eastern to visit Black on Valentine’s Day. “We plan to go out for a romantic dinner and then probably come back to my place and just relax,” Black said. “It will be nice to spend more time together.” For one couple, this year will be their first time spending Valentine’s Day in the United States. Cholong Choi, a freshman pre-engineering major, and her boyfriend of three months, Sung Kwan Park, a senior political science major, are both from South Korea. “In Korea, Valentine’s Day is somewhat different than what it is here in the United States,” Choi said. “The girls give guys gifts in Korea, whereas over here in the United States, it is most common for the guys to give their girlfriends gifts.”



“It is nice being in a relationship with someone who actually goes to the same school as me and lives in the same place.”

-Jessie Wasserman (left) with boyfriend Jake Spinnato (right) are both junior psychology majors

“Carl and I have only dated for four months, but in that time we have spent a lot of time together.”

-Taylor Black (left), a junior health promotion major, with boyfriend Carl Berry (right)




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Low: 30°

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Off-duty police commander fatally shot during pursuit

CHICAGO (AP) — An off-duty police commander was shot and killed Tuesday afternoon in downtown Chicago after he spotted a man matching the radio description of an armed suspect officers were chasing on foot, the city's police superintendent said.

Cmdr. Paul Bauer was shot multiple times after he "saw the offender and engaged in an armed physical confrontation," Superintendent Eddie Johnson said. He choked back tears as he spoke to reporters outside Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where Bauer was pronounced dead.

The shooting occurred near the James R. Thompson Center, the state government office building. Johnson said officers initially confronted the suspect because he was acting suspiciously. Police captured

the man a short time later, and a gun was recovered at the scene, he said.

Bauer, 53, was a 31-year veteran of the department.

There were initial media reports that the man may have been involved in the robbery of a local business, but Johnson did not provide details about what the man was doing that prompted officers to want to speak with him.

Witnesses to parts of the incident near said they heard gunshots.

"I was walking down the street and I heard 'pop pop pop pop pop,'" Noreen Danko, who was walking to her office nearby, told the Chicago Tribune. "And I said to the girl next to me, 'Is that what I think it is?' And she said 'Yep.' I said 'Aw geez.' And everybody is scurrying all over and I see the police head to the

stairs there. There's a stairwell there. And it goes downstairs. I heard that the door is locked there. It used to be a pedway, but now, for security reasons they have it locked."

She told the paper that she saw officers lead the shackled suspect away and put him in a squad car, and then watched as emergency workers administered CPR to Bauer, who was lying on a stretcher, before he was put inside an ambulance and rushed to the hospital.

"I just ask the citizens of this city to keep the Bauer family in their prayers," Johnson said before he turned and left the briefing.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel offered his condolences, too, calling Bauer's death "a tragic reminder of the dangerous duty the men and women of our police department accept to ensure the safety of us all."

Medicaid plan could close 2 hospitals in Ill.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois lawmakers' plan to redesign the way the state draws Medicaid health care funding from the federal government means at least two hospitals serving impoverished communities will close, threatening a deal that's taken them a year to negotiate with health care lobbyists.

Roseland Community Hospital and South Shore Hospital, on Chicago's South Side, could both be shuttered, officials said, under the current plan to redraw the hospital assessment program in response to tightened federal guidelines and pick up \$360 million extra available for Illinois.

The House Appropriations-Human Services Committee delayed a vote on the plan Tuesday. Members said they are still working on the proposal, designed to address federal requirements that more Medicaid clients be covered by cost-cutting managed-care systems.

Most hospitals fare well under the new system and the Illinois Health and Hospital Association promises to prioritize the \$360 million federal boost to safety-net hospitals, where 50 percent or more of the patients are on Medicaid, which doesn't cover all costs. But South Shore will receive no new funding, while CEO Tim Cave-ny said it needs \$3 million more to break even. Roseland will face a more than \$6.5 million cut.

To make up for Medicaid's funding gaps, the state has hospitals pay an assessment that is matched by the federal government and redistributed to hospitals according to a formula based on patient data at least 10 years old. The redesign uses 2015 Medicaid utilization data, which the hospital association maintains better reflects where money should follow services.

Workers for the threatened hospitals, supported by their union, SEIU Healthcare Illinois-Indiana, responded with a rally Tuesday outside the Illinois Capitol to save the safety-nets.

Trump administration ruled against over DACA program

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump's administration didn't offer "legally adequate reasons" for ending a program that spared many young immigrants from deportation if they were brought to the U.S. as children, a judge ruled Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Nicholas G. Garaufis in Brooklyn said in a written order that the Republican president "indisputably" has the power to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program but relied on flawed legal positions in doing so.

He said he wanted to make clear that he was not ruling that rescinding DACA is unlawful or that the administration may not end the program. And he said his order does not require the government to grant any particular DACA applications or renewal requests.

The ruling came in lawsuits brought by immigration groups and 15 states and the District of Columbia.

Justice Department spokesman Devin O'Malley said the order doesn't change the government's position on the facts, including that DACA was an "unlawful circumvention of Congress."

"DACA was implemented unilaterally after Congress declined to extend these benefits to this same group of illegal aliens," he said.

O'Malley added that the Department of Homeland Security "acted within its lawful authority in deciding to wind down DACA in an orderly manner" and looked forward to vindicating its position in future litigation.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has said then-President Barack Obama's decision to implement DACA was an unconstitutional exercise of authority.

Garaufis said the Trump administration relied on an "erroneous" belief the program was unconstitutional. His ruling mirrors one issued in San Francisco in January.

The judge ordered the government to let people already in the DACA program continue enjoying protections but declined to guarantee the program to new applicants.

Garaufis said the authority for his ruling stems from the Administrative Procedure Act, which lets parties harmed by federal agencies get judicial review of agency decisions when they are arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion or do not follow the law.

"The APA thus sometimes places courts in the formalistic, even perverse, position of setting aside action that was clearly within the responsible agency's authority, simply because the agency gave the wrong reasons for, or failed to adequately explain, its decision," the judge wrote.

He said new administrations may alter or abandon the policies of their predecessors even if policy shifts impose staggering personal, social and economic costs.

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Poetry to be showcased at ‘My Black is Beautiful’

By **Andrew Paisley**
Campus Reporter | @Andrew_Paisley1

With work from students and a professional, the University Board will commemorate African-American Heritage Month at a poetry slam Wednesday in the 7th Street Underground.

The UB has invited poet Natasha “T” Miller to read her poetry at the slam.

Students will also be able to share their own poetry expressing how they appreciate and accept their race and who they are.

UB chair Nia Douglas said the board wants to allow students to speak out.

“A lot of students are very talented and have something to say,” Douglas said. “We want to give them an opportunity to do that, as well as allow everyone the opportunity to see someone who has perfected their craft and be able to speak to them personally.”

Douglas said it will be good for students to hear each other’s and Miller’s points of view.

“Hopefully, students will be able to think about themselves, where they came from, their race and the issues they deal with, as well as how they feel,” Douglas said.

Douglas said Miller is an African-American, openly lesbian woman from Detroit, Mich. who not only stands up for African-American rights, but is also a dedicated LGBTQA+ activist.

Miller is also a three-time Women of the World Poetry Slam finalist. She has published two books, “Dreams of a Beginner” and “Coming Out of Nowhere,” a social networking memoir about religion, cyberbullying and homosexuality.

Tony Talley, public relations coordinator for the UB, said the board thought Miller is the perfect candidate to speak at the poetry slam.

“Given her background, I would say she definitely will turn out to be a good person for students to hear and look up to,” Talley said. “She has a history of having really good work, and we are excited to see her perform.”

Douglas said although this will be a great learning experience for students, it is also about entertainment.

“We want to see everyone have a great time and hopefully enjoy all the poetry that is recited at the event,” Douglas said. “We will also be serving food, and there will be giveaway T-shirts as well for students to take home.”

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Shirt styling



MARY ELLEN GREENBURG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Ciara Lohman, a family and consumer sciences major, cuts T-shirts Tuesday night in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Students joined Eastern President David Glassman in the latest “Prowlin’ with the Prez” event sponsored by the student government.

Candidates for county clerk, sheriff, state representative to speak at forum

Staff Report | @DEN_News

All candidates for contested positions in the primary for Coles County Clerk, Coles County Sheriff and State Representative for the 110th District will speak at a candidates’ forum at the end of the month.

Sponsored by the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, the forum is set for 5:30 p.m. Feb. 27 in the banquet rooms of the Unique Suites Hotel at 920 West Lincoln Ave.

The candidates speaking will be Julie Coffey Coe and

Jackie Freezeland for Coles County Clerk, Jimmy Rankin and Steve Spear for Coles County Sheriff and Terry David and Chris Miller for State Representative.

According to a press release, candidates will introduce themselves and give opening statements. The audience can then ask them questions.

All questions must be submitted in writing and will be screened before being given to the candidates.

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Valentine’s Day is a chance to spread love

Today is the holiday everyone loves — or more commonly, loves to hate. Candy hearts in hues of pinks and reds, notes dripping in sappy clichés and commercials encouraging viewers to go see the newest “Fifty Shades of Grey” movie are practically unavoidable for the first two weeks of February. While it is easy to succumb to the bitterness rather than the sweetness of this holiday, we at *The Daily Eastern News* want to remind everyone that Valentine’s Day is not just for young couples who fall under the stereotypical “head over heels in love” category. Valentine’s Day is a time to celebrate and share the love all of us have with whomever we want.

It is the time to reach out to your family members and remind them how their love has shaped you into the person you are today. It is the time to gather with your friends and reflect on your relationships, remembering all the times their friendships have made your heart feel full. It is the time to give ourselves the love we deserve. We can be our own valentines. It can be easy to forget self-love when we find ourselves swept up in the stress of school or are too busy focusing on not having a significant other during holidays like today.

Today, and every day, do not forget to take the time to give yourself and the others you hold dear the appreciation that is deserved. Whether it be by fully embracing the “Treat Yo ‘Self” attitude (thank you, “Parks and Recreation,” for that iconic episode) or sending a Candygram to a friend on campus, everyone deserves to be reminded of the impression they have left on someone’s heart.

You are perfectly capable of loving and being loved, whether you are single or in a relationship this Valentine’s Day. Do not suppress the love you have for yourself and for others; let it breathe and let it blossom. You never know how much a little reminder — or grand, cheesy and romantic gesture (whatever style you prefer) — could mean to someone. We do not want to rush into things and say “love” just yet, but *The Daily Eastern News* wishes you all a happy Valentine’s Day.

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How to get through Valentine’s Day single

Spending Valentine’s Day alone does not have to be miserable. Whether you are in a relationship or not, it is intended to remind us about love. Rather than wallowing in self-pity, get dressed up and do something nice for yourself, because self-love is the only love you can rely on. It is not a sin to be single on Valentine’s Day. What could be a sin is not finding a way to enjoy it. Here is a list of things you can do to make the day a fun one:

1.) Buy yourself a gift.
You do not need to wait for someone to buy a gift to tell you how awesome you are. You are an independent college student and can treat yourself. Maybe you have had an eye on a book, a dress or a pair of shoes. Just go get it. Spoil yourself. Love comes in many forms, and exercising self-love is one

of the most important.
2.) Celebrate Gal-entine’s Day.
If you have friends who are single, this is a great time to spend some time together and have a Gal-entine’s Day instead. Get together and celebrate how awesome you are. Laugh about everything, go to the movies, order some pizza, plan a fun activity, go bowling. This will create some great memories with people you love.
3.) Enjoy a Netflix marathon with great romantic movies.
If you want to stay indoors, that is fine! Order pizza or your favorite ice cream and slip into your pajamas. Light some candles and have an indoor date with yourself.

4.) Have a spa day.
Take yourself to a spa (it need not be expensive) and treat yourself to a luxurious massage to ease fatigue, deepen relaxation and shift your energy to a place of beauty and well-being. You cannot imagine how much younger you will look.
5.) Take a relaxing bubble bath.
When did you last have a bubble bath? Rather than the usual 10-minute shower, switch on some background music, light a few scented candles, pour yourself a glass of your favorite drink —remember to grab enough so last the entire bath—then get a good book, add some bubble bath and jump in.

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Are we supposed to tolerate intolerance?

When the news cycle latched onto the white supremacists and Nazis marching in Charlottesville, Va., I was surprised. That the Nazis and supremacists thought they had enough support to appear in public was delusional, but as talented journalists soon uncovered, they had a thorough dissemination plan for their ideology, and public demonstrations were just a part of it.

Of course, the conversation at the time was whether we should allow them to march in the streets. Some people grimly shook their heads, doing their best to look pained, and explained that the First Amendment protected all speech. This is true. Any speech (besides a few rare and specific cases) is protected. The First Amendment does not protect you from the consequences of that speech, but it does protect the speech itself. Other people said no: emphatically, unequivocally, no to Nazis. No Nazi flags, no Nazi ideology, no marches, no speech. Once, back in high school, I got into an argument with a friend. I was a little cynical back in the day and was making the argument that once the last Holocaust survivor died, people would start successfully denying it ever happened. Now, mind you, this was before 2016, before fake news and alternative facts and our day-to-day lives became a circus of lunacy, so when my friend heard me, they were rightfully angry. They told me that would never happen, that people would never forget. The stories would always be with us. People forgot. I find myself more often than not having to explain why the Nazis were, and are, bad. People instinctively know this, but for whatever rea-



Colin Roberts

son, the severity of the Holocaust lessens in their minds with time — at least until you remind them. Then they nod their heads solemnly and agree. But are the Nazis in Charlottesville the same as the fascist who killed 10 million people in a systematic effort? That depends on who you ask. To some, they are outcasts easily preyed upon by supremacist recruiters. But here’s the thing: there were outcasts in the Nazi party in Germany. Stalin was an outcast loser. It does not matter who you are if you are complicit in what happens. Here is the most important part: these so-called outcasts hold all the same ideologies as their historic counterparts. Nothing has changed about the show, just the venue. Given the chance, these people have admitted, openly and publicly, that they would eradicate the Jewish people and dominate other minorities. Given that their ideology advocates for the extermination of a group of people, should we allow them to talk about it?

Germany says no. They lived through it. They know what happened. They looked in the mirror and saw what waited on the other side. “What about the KKK?” you may ask. “What about Christian groups who are against homosexuality? What if ‘Nazi’ is just a word for ‘white people I don’t like?’ Where do you draw the line? You can use this thinking to silence anyone!” This should have been easy, but welcome to the modern world. Since outlawing ideology with tragic historical consequence and statements about the inherent supremacy of certain “races” is controversial, I suppose we have to look at it from another direction. I am against society policing behavior, because depending on who is doing the policing, lots of people can disappear overnight. But you cannot just allow everything, because then Nazis happen. Damned if you do, damned if you do not. So let us make the Nazi issue easy. If your ideology resulted in the Holocaust, then you should no longer practice it. But what about the other ones? The KKK have a history of killing and terrorizing people. Should they be allowed to preach their ideology? For most people, this is an easy no. But again, once you start on this path, people get uneasy. What about religious groups that fund organizations that actively work to deny gay people rights? Ahh, now we have hit some interesting territory, but I am out of words, so until next time, just remember: Nazis are bad, empathy is good and you should examine what it means to tolerate intolerance.

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“(Students and parents) are going to see higher education more as a product, like a mortgage, like a car payment, and we can’t blame them, right?” Hung said. “Because we are asking them to invest more directly and in larger (quantities).”

Young said the increasing opinion of higher education acting more like a product is starting to affect students.

“Of course (students) are concerned about their future, but they’re also concerned about getting the most out of their education,” Young said.

Ludlow said there should be a positive correlation between happiness and higher education, which should supersede the current importance placed on job placement after graduation.

“We are not in the business of making or selling products, or even teaching people to sell products,” Ludlow said. “We are, if you will, in the business of promoting and enabling the pursuit of happiness.”

Hung said the threat of lower funding from the government has been hitting Illinois universities, and universities around the nation, for much longer than just the past two-year budget impasse.

“Yes, we had a budget impasse in 2015/2016 that was horrible, terrible,” he said. “We don’t want to do it again, but even if we take that out, even if we take that two years of no budget out of the picture, we’re still seeing a gradual, consistent, persistent, insistent downward trend in public funding for higher education, and (Eastern’s) not the only one.”

Ludlow’s presentation looked at HB 4103, which proposes many educational reforms, including a one-application system for all Illinois universities and which would require Illinois universities to accept all high school students with a B average or higher.

This bill uses the word “efficiency” 14 times, with eight of those times being in just one proposal, Ludlow said.

She said this is dangerous because using efficiency to measure success does not include a student’s quality of education.



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English professor Jeannie Ludlow, coordinator of the women’s, sexuality and gender studies program, and history professor Bailey Young were two of the panelists at a forum talking about threats to higher education. Both presented information that looked at the misunderstandings occurring between higher education institutions and the general public.

Ludlow said universities must change the language being used to discuss higher education and its potential reforms, especially when they use words like “efficiency.”

“When we are arguing using our opponent’s language, when we allow those who oppose us to set the terms of the debate, we have already lost,” Ludlow said.

Gatrell said altering how higher education is discussed with the public is the first step toward positive change.

“What I do think we can do is talk about (mission and student outcomes) differently and talk about the important work we do in communities and in the lives of learners. Our learners succeed,”

Gatrell said. “I think we can demonstrate (student success) in terms of the transformative capacity of higher education. Our students go on to live lives of significance, and that’s pretty important work.”

Gatrell said making changes that adhere to Eastern’s mission and its goals of student success is of utmost importance.

“You can have great ideas, but if you’re not talking about mission, if structure doesn’t follow mission and priorities, (change is) problematic,” Gatrell said.

Ludlow offered a list of solutions centered around the idea that collectivity is power. These included keeping in mind that scarcity is not a normal thing, having a necessity for faculty and staff to take on extra work is not normal, prioritizing time and say-

ing no is respectable and that open communication with the community is key to changing public opinion.

Young echoed Ludlow, saying the threats currently coming toward higher education from the public are because of misunderstandings between the public and institutions of higher education.

“What can we do to spread the message beyond this room, beyond our classrooms with our students, that (Eastern) is efficient, (Eastern) is inspirational, (Eastern) is bringing resources to the state and the community?” Young said.

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Choi and Park want to commemorate the holiday in a simpler way.

“We plan to just have dinner in the Union together,” Park said. “Then, we are going to come back and have a ‘Friends’ marathon.”

Park said Choi is not a fan of chocolate, so he wants to buy her a different type of gift, like roses.

Ryan Dovgin, a junior biological sciences major and his girlfriend, Theresa Mega, who attends the

University of Arizona in Tucson, already spent time together this past weekend when they both returned to Chicago.

“Theresa and I have been together for a year, and last year we did not have the opportunity to spend Valentine’s Day together,” Dovgin said. “This year, we both chose to come home last weekend and we went out to dinner, and I gave her a gift.”

Jake Spinnato and his girlfriend, Jessie Wasserman, both junior psychology majors, are going to go out to dinner Friday evening when they both are out of class and spend the rest of the weekend together.

“It would be pretty hectic to celebrate it on

Wednesday just because of the fact that we are both so swamped with classes,” Spinnato said.

Spinnato and Wasserman met each other last semester at Eastern and have been dating for five months.

“I am so glad that I was able to meet Jake,” Wasserman said. “It is nice being in a relationship with someone who actually goes to the same school as me and lives in the same place.”

Like Wasserman, Katie Bratkovich, a junior history major, is looking forward to celebrating Valentine’s Day this weekend with her boyfriend, Hunter Bowie.

“Hunter and I have been together for two years,

and it is hard now because he lives two and a half hours away,” Bratkovich said. “Most of the time we are on opposite schedules, so we usually are able to speak on the phone late at night.”

Bratkovich said most of her dates with Bowie are simple.

“We will probably get some Chinese takeout, go hot-tubbing and watch ‘Star Wars,’” Bratkovich said. “We do not like to have any of our dates over-the-top.”

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For the love of Shakespeare



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Hannah Brickey, a sophomore English language arts major, works on an essay about William Shakespeare Tuesday night in Booth Library. Brickey said the semester has been going well because she is finally taking education classes.

The New York Times Crossword

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CELEBRITY CROSSWORD

This puzzle is a collaboration by the basketball-loving senator Joe Donnelly of Indiana, working together with longtime crossword contributor Michael S. (Mickey) Maurer, the owner of the Indianapolis Business Journal. This is Mickey's 25th crossword for The Times. More information about the making of today's puzzle appears in the Times's daily crossword column (nytimes.com/column/wordplay).

- ACROSS**

1 Exchange of words

7 Smart farm animal?

14 Chevrolet model

15 Warning during a heist?

16 Washes against, as the shore

17 In baroque fashion

18 Gutterball?

20 Afternoon social

21 Pigeon-___

22 Filler ads, in brief

24 Korean border area, for short

27 Sinus doc

28 Yukon or Sierra

30 Opening word at many a conference
- 33 Eric of old CBS News

36 Flipped (through)

37 Dinner at the end of Ramadan?

39 Where Socrates lived

42 Artists' oil sources

46 Like Times Square on New Year's Eve

48 Diet of Jack Sprat's wife

49 "Doesn't excite me"

50 Spanish uncle

51 Elite team member

53 Bowery boozier

54 "The Spy Who Loved Me" org.
- 57 Rug store promotion?

60 Pacifies

63 Establish

64 Something bleeped out for television?

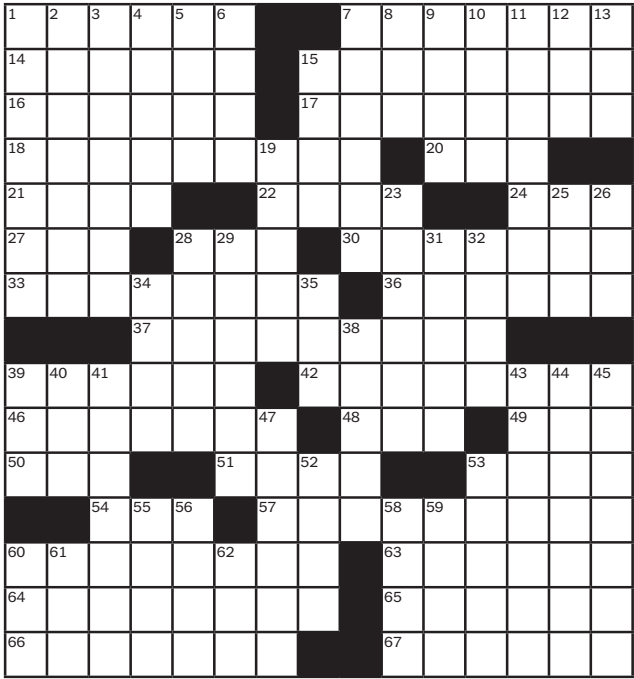
65 Successful batter

66 Knocked over

67 Think about only one thing

DOWN

- 1 Works with pupils?
- 2 "No one's with me"
- 3 Digital media player that's "big" in New York City?
- 4 Operated on, as the eyes
- 5 Beauty product line with the slogan "Ageless"
- 6 Cat, to Catarina
- 7 Site of a 1955 "Pact"
- 8 Comfort ___
- 9 32-card card game
- 10 Punta del ___ (Uruguayan resort)
- 11 Leading
- 12 Fa follower
- 13 Home on a farm
- 15 Noggin knocks
- 19 Footnote abbr.
- 23 Jennifer Lopez title role
- 25 ___ Tussaud: Abbr.



PUZZLE BY SEN. JOE DONNELLY AND MICHAEL S. MAURER

- 26 The end of the British monarchy?

28 Thou

29 Things babies make

31 ___ of one's worries

32 One might say "Happy Birthday"

34 Not many

35 Two-bagger: Abbr.

38 Part of N.R.A.

39 SAT alternative
- 40 Numerical prefix

41 Has a one-night stand, say

43 Abu Dhabi, for one

44 Signifies

45 An ejected player might be sent to them

47 Protect against the other team scoring

52 The end of the British monarchy?

53 Sharpens
- 55 More than a sip

56 Spalding or Voit product

58 Bounce off the wall

59 Chicago daily, informally

60 Back, on a ship


61 Great Lakes' ___ Canals

62 Bestow, to Burns

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Eastern to face struggling Redhawks team

By **JJ Bullock**
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With a conference record of 1-14, the Eastern women's basketball team's season is all but lost with just four games left to play this season.

But, the opportunity for the Panthers to play spoiler for opponents trying to make the OVC tournament has presented itself, and is more prevalent in the Panthers' next game than ever before.

Eastern plays Southeast Missouri on the road Wednesday, where they will meet a Redhawks team that has lost their last three games and is currently battling through the densest part of the conference standings for a playoff spot.

Southeast Missouri's three-game slide has dropped the team to 6-8 in the conference and in possession of the seventh seed in the OVC tournament.

However, Murray State and Eastern Kentucky, both with 5-9 conference records, are waiting in the wings for Southeast Missouri to stumble once again, and Eastern is ready to deliver that blow to the Redhawks.

Panthers' head coach Matt Bollant is trying to keep his team focused on themselves this week, however, and he is not trying to get wrapped up in Southeast Missouri's playoff race.

"We're trying to get better and win a basketball game," Bollant said. "But we know we have got a lot of improvement to do, so that's what the focus is right now."

The last time Eastern and the Redhawks met



KARINA DELGADO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore guard Danielle Berry surveys the court over an Austin Peay defender in the Panthers' 75-66 loss to the Governors on Feb. 10 at Lantz Arena. Berry scored nine points and grabbed four rebounds in the loss.

on Jan. 20, Southeast Missouri's third-ranked defense beat down the Panthers in the first and fourth quarters, holding Eastern to just a 28.6 shooting percentage in its eventual 77-54 win

over the Panthers.

Although they failed last time in stopping the Redhawks' leading scorer Tesia Thompson, who dropped a game-high 18 points in the Jan. 20 win, the Panthers will make another effort to stop the guard from doing damage.

"She is a really good penetrator and we have got to do a good job of keeping her in front," Bollant said of Thompson. "We didn't do a great job at our place and we're going to have to work harder at that and make sure we find her in transition. She is a really good athlete, she can rebound, she is really good off the dribble."

Bollant will have a mixture of players covering Thompson throughout the game, but freshman guard Taylor Steele will start the game on Thompson, he said. The Redhawks almost entirely controlled the boards in the last game as well, they outrebounded the Panthers 52-28.

"For us, (rebounding) comes down to we have to leave the zone and block out," Bollant said. "We work on rebounding every day, we just really have to pursue the ball as well because we're not very long, we're not very athletic, so we have to really have great heart when we pursue the ball."

As the season winds down for the Panthers, Bollant said he will continue to look for individual and team improvement as the team "builds for the future."

Eastern and Southeast Missouri will play at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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OPINION | MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers need more production on offense

The market for field goals has been a bit hectic for the Eastern men's basketball team this season.

The price for baskets has trended upward as, needless to say, the Panthers have struggled to create scoring opportunities or find open teammates.

Aside from the Panthers' woes on offense, Eastern's defensive efforts, which have buoyed the team through troubled waters this season, are putting the team in playoff contention.

This raises a timely question; can the Panthers conceal their flaws on the offensive side of the ball by simply allowing the defense to pick up the tab?

With four games left before the OVC tournament begins, the old adage of "defense wins championships," could very well hold true for a team lacking in the offensive domain.

The loss of Demetrius McReynolds, who capped



Tom O'Connor

off his senior year with 14.7 points and 4.9 rebounds per game, certainly compromised the Panthers' offensively this season.

In the offseason, the Panthers added freshman Mack Smith to their arsenal of backcourt scoring options, but few other players on the roster, or in the

conference for that matter, have been on par with his potent 44 percent shooting from the field.

The Panthers' defense, fourth best in the OVC has served as a compensatory tool for its ailing offense, holding opponents to 68.3 points per game.

When the Panthers played Eastern Kentucky at the beginning of January, Eastern held them to 33 percent shooting, while their own shooting percentage lingered around 36 percent.

Despite losing the rebound battle against IUPUI earlier in the season, Eastern won the game 80-79, all in due part to its ironclad defense.

Last season, Eastern ranked sixth in scoring and fourth defensively, solidifying a three-point margin against opponents.

One year and a missed trip to the playoffs later, the Panthers have lost to opponents by an average of

2.1 points, a difference that, when compared to the 2016-17 season, indicates the need for a robust defense.

Not only does the Panthers' scoring average of 66.2 points per game rank last in the conference, it is also the lowest mark for the team since the 2014-15 season.

Of the Panthers' 24 games this season, six losses and four wins have come down to four points or less.

Currently in the eighth playoff spot, Eastern, the only team with two top five shot blockers when paired against conference teams, will play Southeast Missouri, one of the most prolific offensive teams in the OVC Thursday night.

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SUMMIT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Swimmers confident going into conference

By Adam Shay
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The Eastern men's and women's swim team's effort and hard work will be put to the test as they travel to Sioux Falls, S.D. for the Summit League Championship.

As the Panthers leave Monday, they embark on a 688-mile road trip to compete in the four-day championship from Wednesday to Saturday.

At the championship, there will be six other schools going up against Eastern.

Because of the long drive, the Panthers have plenty of down time on the road-trip. While on the bus, the Panther swimmers are not only focused on the meet, but must work on their school assignments as they miss a week of classes.

"As of now, it's more just annoying that we have to be on a bus for this long," said junior Nick Harkins. "We're all doing homework or something productive because we have plenty of time to work on it."

Since the Panthers are focused on their school work, the competitive nature has yet to set in. Harkins said he imagines Tuesday will be more focused on competing since that is when they arrive in Sioux Falls.

Long road trips for certain schools, like Eastern, can take a toll on a team. However, for the Panthers, the team is confident that the road trip will not impact them during the championship.

"Traveling on a bus for two days is rough," said junior Caro Lamarque. "But we all have big expectations for the meet and won't let the long drive affect us."

When the Panthers arrive Tuesday, the swimmers will check in and head to the Midco Aquatic Center to check out the pool. This is also the first time any of the Panthers will see the pool as well, creating a different atmosphere than what they are used to for conference, said junior Alex Laleian.

Laleian is nervous for the new atmosphere, because he has been swimming at IUPUI for meets since he was ten. With the Panthers swimming in an unfamiliar pool, they feel the need to go and test out the waters before conference begins Wednesday.

"We're going to swim at the pool Tuesday night to familiarize ourselves with everything," Harkins said. "It will be a good time to work on starts, turns and relay exchanges."

Despite wanting to win every individual meet, this championship is the one all the swimmers focus on and care about. All the other meets prepare us for this one, Harkins said.

For individual meets, Harkins is most confident in the 100-free because that's the event he is ranked



Sophomore Rachel Manderscheid swims the backstroke leg of the women's 200-yard individual medley against Western and Butler in October 2017. The Panthers open the Summit League Championships Wednesday Sioux Falls, S.D.

highest in.

On Wednesday, there are no preliminaries, since the only events are the 200-medley relay and the 800-free relay. For the Panthers, having only swimming relays in their first day could be beneficial.

"Only having relays the first day is nice because it lets us get used to the pool before we start our individual events," Lamarque said.

Going into the relay events, the Panthers are coming off breaking the pool record for the women's 800-relay, giving them confidence boosts.

Not being tapered and still putting up good times makes it exciting to see what the team can do at conference, Lamarque said.

Comparing last year's team to this year's, there are differences that the swimmers feel could play in their advantage during conference. Most noticeably, the women's swim team is going into the conference with a winning record.

"We've overall had a pretty good season, so I think that has given us some confidence and a better mentality going into this conference compared to previous years," Lamarque said.

Also, for the women's team, they have a unique roster that has more underclassmen than upperclassmen. With this type of roster, there is a dif-



Senior Patrick Wood swims the butterfly leg of the men's 400-yard individual medley Jan. 20 against Valparaiso. The Panthers finished the regular season 4-2 and will start the Summit League Championships Wednesday in Sioux Falls, S.D.

ferent energy to the team that creates an uplifting and encouraging atmosphere.

Those underclassmen, such as sophomores Gloria Gonzales and Karleen Gernady and freshmen Sarah Lohman and Lindsey Wood, have been handling the pressure of their first conference well, helping the team

have a positive mentality.

Throughout the season, the women's team has been working on keeping a positive mentality, which has played into their success. Their positivity is shown through on-deck atmosphere.

"During season, we have done a really good job of having a strong en-

ergy on deck while cheering everyone on," Lamarque said. "And I think that has helped us be successful. When everyone is having fun and cheering each other on, we always swim our best."

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